

Dromahair – Killargue - Newtownmanor

Sunday 15th April 2018 – The 3rd Sunday of Easter

World Meeting of Families – 21st to 26th August 2018

Pope Francis is coming to Ireland on 25th & 26th August and early booking is advised. **The Pope's events in Croke Park & in the Phoenix Park will be all ticket.** To book, please visit: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets. A limited number of tickets may also be made available through each diocese.

Information sheets are available at the back of each church. Please take one home.

Church Notices:

[A] Altar Servers for Dromahair:

April 2018 – Group 4: Luke Brennan, Dáire Toolan; Kate & Liam Leonard

Parents please note, if your child is unable to serve at Mass on any of the assigned dates, please arrange a replacement. (Please note that the recruitment of new Altar Servers is now taking place in all 3 churches. If interested, please contact Mary Brodie at 087 2853413).

[B] Trócaire Lenten Campaign - 2018: Sincere thanks to all who brought in their Trócaire Envelope already. ***If you have not contributed to date, your donation is still most welcome and badly needed.*** There is a special yellow Trócaire Offertory Envelope for Holy Thursday in your Offertory Collection Pack. There is also a beige envelope in your Trócaire Pack or you can just use an ordinary envelope. Don't forget to include your name and address. ***Your continuing generosity is much appreciated.***

[C] The Special Annual Diocesan Vocations and Support Services Collection is due next weekend - 21st & 22nd April (4th Sunday of Easter - Vocations Sunday): You will find the Pink Diocesan Services Collection Envelope (dated erroneously 6th May 2018) between your May and June Dues Envelopes. You will also find a note in your Dues pack, detailing the uses to which this Collection is put. You may of course use an ordinary envelope marked 'Diocesan Services'. Please include your name and address. ***Thanks as always for your continuing generosity.***

[D] The Sacrament of Confirmation: for the children of Drumlease N.S. & Leckaun N.S. will take place on **Sunday 6th May 2018 at 3.00pm in St. Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran.**

[E] The Sacrament of First Holy Communion: for the children of Drumlease N.S. will take place in **St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair on Saturday 12th May at 11.00am** and for the children of Leckaun N.S will take place in **Newtownmanor Church on Saturday 19th May at 11.30am.**

[F] St. Brigid's Church, Killargue: Twelve-hour Adoration ***in honour of St. Joseph the Worker & for the Protection of the Life of the Unborn.*** will take place on **Tuesday 1st May 2018, beginning with Mass at 8.00am and finishing with Mass at 8.00pm.**

[G] National Day of Adoration in Knock on Sunday 29th April: Ceremonies start at 11.00am (Basilica from 2.30pm) and conclude at 5.00pm. ***All welcome.***

[H] Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 2018: is for 5 nights from 27th May – 1st June with Full Board accommodation. Pilgrim booking forms are available from Cavan Travel, 15 Main Street, Co. Cavan. Tel 049 436 1222 or Virginia Travel, Main Street, Virginia, Cavan. Tel 049 854 8544. **Enquiries for Special Sick / Assisted Section to Fr Kevin Fay, The Presbytery, Farnham Street, Cavan. Tel 049 433 1404 or Mobile 087 857 9968.**

[I] World Meeting of Families - 2018: Fr. Eamonn Bredin will facilitate a six-week discussion group, entitled '**Family Matters**' on themes from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love), in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan, beginning on Thursday 26th April 2018 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Please contact the Pastoral Centre on 049 4375004 for more information/registration. **The cost of the course is €30, payable on the first night. All welcome.**

[J] Life in the Spirit Seminars: each Friday evening from 6th April to 18th of May at 8:30pm, at Clancy's, Killeen, Dromahair.

[K] Pray for:

Eileen Finlay, Portarlinton, sister of Teresa Kelly, Drumlease, who has died.

Jim Kelly, Gortgarrigan, whose funeral took place on Sunday 8th April.

John Brady, Jnr., formerly of Boggaun, whose funeral took place on Saturday 7th April.

May they Rest in Peace.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR

1. **Mass:** Monday at 9.30 am; Tuesday at 9.30am; Wednesday at 9.30am; Friday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
Intentions of the Donor, Mass on Sunday 15th April at 11.15am.
The People of the Parish, Mass on Monday 16th April at 9.30am.
Intentions of the Donor, Mass on Tuesday 17th April at 9.30am
Intentions of the Donor, Mass on Wednesday 18th April at 9.30am.
Josie Torsney, Months Memory Mass on Friday 20th April at 8.00pm.
Intentions of the Donor, Mass on Sunday 22nd April at 11.15am.
May they Rest in Peace.
3. **Liturgy for April:** **Reader** - Joe McGoldrick; **Collectors** - Domhnall McLoughlin & Noel Rooney; **Altar Society** - Kathleen Fenton, Catherine Haddow, Josephine Sweeney & Eileen Clinton.

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**
Winifred and Philip Sweeney and deceased family members, Mass on Sunday 15th April at 10.00am.
Intentions of the Donor, Mass on Thursday 19th April at 8.00pm.
John P. (Sonny) Reynolds, Carrickfad and deceased of Reynolds family, Mass on Sunday 22nd April at 10.00am.
May they Rest in Peace.
3. **Liturgy for April:** **Reader** - Frank Dolan; **Collectors** - P.J. Martin & Jimmy Dolan; **Altar Society** - Kathy McMorrough & Lily Dolan.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE

1. **Mass:** Wednesday at 7.00pm; Saturday (Vigil Mass) at **8.00pm.**
2. **Pray for:**
Mary Harte, Cloonlougher, 1st Anniv. Mass on Saturday 14th April at **8.00pm.**
Charles McTernan & Deceased Family Members, Corratavy, Mass on Wednesday 18th April at 7.00pm.
Tom Hannon, Gortgarrigan, Anniv. Mass on Saturday 21st April at **8.00pm.**
May they Rest in Peace
3. **Liturgy for April:** **Readers** – Rosaleen Dolan & Anne Flanagan; **Collectors** - Joe McTernan, Tony Feeney & Joe Sheridan; **Altar Society:** Marie Sheridan & Martina Hannon.
4. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Monday evening from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Padre Pio Novena Prayers - First Monday of every month at 7.00pm. *All welcome.*

Community Notices.

1. **Bingo: Every Monday at 9.00pm in The Blue Devon.** All lines €30 except games 5 & 10 which are €50. All houses €100 and last game €200. **Your support is much appreciated.**
2. **Deadline for Notices for the Parish Bulletin:** 12.00 noon on Thursdays. Email: drumahaire@kilmorediocese.ie
3. **Clothing collection facility in The Depot Gate.** Open all day, every day. New and used clean clothing, ladies, gents and children's, shoes (pairs, clean), handbags & leather belts, blankets, bed sheets & pillow cases - clean, soft toys, teddys - no batteries. **No duvets, pillows or cushions.** **This collection raised €1,000 for the parish & €675 for Drumlease N.S.**
Thank you for your support and thanks to all who organized this collection.
4. **Local Link Rural Bus Service - Manorhamilton to Carrick on Shannon (Return):** Service runs on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. Departs Manorhamilton (Bus Stop) at 9.15am – Killargue (Car Park) at 9.25am – Dromahair (Centra) at 9.35am. Arrives in Carrick on Shannon (Bus Stop) at 10.50am. Departs Carrick on Shannon (Bus Stop) at 1.20pm - Dromahair at 2.45pm - Killargue at 2.50pm. Arrives in Manorhamilton at 3.00pm.
5. **Dromahair Library:** Open on Tuesdays from 12.30 pm – 6.00pm & Fridays 2.30 pm – 8.00 pm (Closed 4 – 4.30 pm).
6. **The Lough Gill Players, proudly presents the Oscar Wilde comedy 'The Importance of Being Ernest':** Blue Devon, Dromahair, on Friday 20th & Saturday 21st April at 8.30pm sharp.
7. **Farrah & Aisling Fee from Drumkeerin;** are volunteering in Ecuador for the summer and are organizing a fundraiser - **Ready-Steady-Cook in Lough Allen College on Wednesday next - 18th April at 7.00pm.** John Kelly from '*The Riverbank*' and Sham Hanifa from '*The Cottage*' will be doing a cooking demo. Makeup demo on the night also. Complimentary refreshments, Tickets available in '*The Clubhouse*' or at the door on the night.

Campaign to Abolish the Eight Amendment

Campaigners for the repeal of the Eight Amendment believe that abortion is necessary in order to avoid the risk to women's lives posed by some medical conditions during pregnancy. Let's be clear that the Church has never taught that the life of a child in the womb should be preferred to that of a mother. Where a seriously ill pregnant woman needs medical treatment, which may put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are always ethically permissible, provided every effort has been made to save the life of both the mother and her baby.

Others, while they might be opposed to abortion in principle, believe that is necessary in some circumstances, e.g. where an unborn child is diagnosed with a serious illness, or where a child is conceived as a result of rape. These are very painful and confusing situations for women and their families. I have heard many women who experienced these situations say that there is often subtle and not so subtle pressure from doctors to have an abortion. However, if we ask ourselves what we would do in these situations a month after the birth, instead of a month before, we would be horrified at the suggestion that taking the child's life was an option. On the contrary we would give them the same treatment and care as we would any other child.

Unborn children are more vulnerable and defenceless and therefore in greater need of protection, not less. **Pastoral message from Bishop Leo O'Reilly, Bishop of Kilmore, (March 2018).**

